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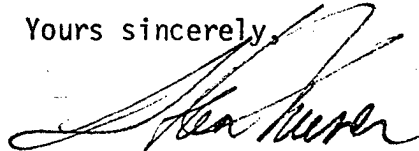
Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter of congratulations on my new assignment. As you can imagine, I am grateful for the honor and also humble at the immensity of the task.

Your comments on "the military stereotype - rigid patterns of thinking" interested me. I think you will find that that stereotype is more in novels and movies than in reality. Today's Navy of very complex weapon systems in a very fast changing geopolitical environment requires a great deal of fast and non-pattern thinking. However, I would also caution you that good discipline and adherence to rules and regulations are essential to the success of any military endeavor. There is a proper mix of those two concepts and finding that mix is a key to success, not only in a military career, but throughout life as well.

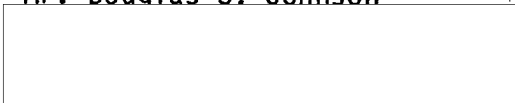
Thanks again, and best of luck.

Yours sincerely,



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